## **Press Release**

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## **Campaign Committee Search Released – Committees Supporting or Opposing Ballot Measures**

The Missouri Ethics Commission released a new campaign finance search, designed to show for a specific election, campaign committees supporting or opposing ballot measures. The search provides an easy tool for identifying campaign committees, registered with the Commission, that have reported receiving and/or spending money about ballot measures.

This new search, about campaign committees, is the first step in the Commission's pursuit of providing transparency about the money received and spent on ballot issues. The Commission's plans include releasing a second search, about PACs (political action committees) who report spending money related to a ballot issue.

"Our new search was developed based on feedback the Commission received from the public and the Commission's continued pursuit of transparency", says Julie Allen, Executive Director.

Missouri law requires individual(s) receiving contributions or making expenditures that support or oppose ballot measures, to form a campaign committee no later than 30 days before the election. The law also requires these committees to terminate within 30 days after the general election or satisfying committee debt. (§130.011(3) RSMo.)

To view the new search and its features, click Campaign Committee Search.

Thank you,
Missouri Ethics Commission